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APPLICANT:	EVANS ET AL.	§	ATT. REF. No. HO-P02228US1
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TITLE:	PROSTHETIC DEVICES	§	EXAMINER: A. R. REIMERS
	EMPLOYING OXIDIZED	§	
	ZIRCONIUM AND	§	
	OTHER ABRASION	§	
	RESISTANT SURFACES	§	
	CONTACTING	§	
	SURFACES OF CROSS-	§	
	LINKED	§	
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF FEBRUARY 24, 2006**

In response to the final Office Action of February 24, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and the following response.